

Symposium on Armenia: Safeguarding Sovereignty

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Overall Questions:

- How should we assist Armenia – political, military, and humanitarian assistance?
- How should we promote the issue of assisting Armenia throughout the rest of Europe?
- Is it possible for Denmark and the Faroe Islands to follow other Western nations (e.g., Sweden, Germany, France, Switzerland, USA) in recognizing the Armenian genocide, and what would be the benefit of such recognition?
- How can we reach international accountability for the forcible displacement of the Nagorno Karabakh (Artsakh) people and prevent new crimes against Armenians?

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

13:30 – Introduction

Kim Hartzner, MD

Managing Director of Mission10forty



Dr. Hartzner will introduce the conference theme. With over three decades of humanitarian aid experience in Armenia, including the establishment of a hospital in Southern Armenia, his insights into Armenia's struggles are invaluable.

13:35 – Historical Context
Matthias Bjørnlund
Danish Historian



Bjørnlund will provide a historical overview of Denmark's relationship with Armenia and the Armenian genocide's implications. His expertise includes translating Danish documents on the genocide and working with Holocaust and Genocide Studies.

13:45 – Importance of Recognition
Vahagn Avedian, PhD
Peace and Conflict Researcher



Dr. Avedian will discuss the necessity of recognizing the Armenian genocide for justice and reconciliation. He'll also explore how politicians can engage in historical disputes.

14:00 – Artsakh’s Struggle
Artak Beglaryan
Former State Minister of Artsakh



Blinded by a landmine explosion at six, Beglaryan will share his journey and insights into Artsakh’s quest for independence.

14:15 – Security Concerns
Paruyr Hovhanissian
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Republic of Armenia



Hovhanissian will discuss Armenia’s current security challenges and explore how Denmark and the Faroe Islands can assist politically, militarily, and humanitarilly.

14:25 – Humanitarian Situation
Raffi Doudaklian
Country Director of World Vision, Armenia



Doudaklian will share insights on the ongoing humanitarian work of supporting the refugees from Nagorno Karabakh, supported by the Danish NGO Mission10forty.

14:35 – France's Support
François Zimeray
Former French Ambassador to Denmark



Zimeray will explain France's policies supporting Armenia and reflect on the significance of recognizing the Armenian genocide.

14:45 – Break with Refreshments

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15:00 – Danish Perspectives

Sjúrdur Skaale

Member of The Danish Parliament (Javnaðarflokkurin)



Skaale will discuss Europe's lacking response to the crisis in Armenia and the role parliamentarians, NGOs and media can play

Additional Speakers invited:

- Danish Foreign Minister Lars Løkke Rasmussen
- Spokespeople from the Foreign Policy Committee

15:30 – Questions, Answers, and Conclusions

16:00 – Conclusion

Additional Notes:

- This programme is subject to updates.
Please refer to the event website for the latest details.

- For queries, contact the conference coordinator at info@mission10forty.org.

- Venue: Christiansborg Palace, Copenhagen

- Date: 20 March 2025

- Time: 13:30–16:00

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